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SUBJECT: FY 74 MAP SHORTFALL

FROM ASST SECY INGERSOLL TO CHARGE ERICSON

1. THE FY 74 MAP SHORTFALL PROBLEM IS STILL UNDER STUDY. IT IS CLEAR, HOWEVER, THAT THE PROGRAMS OF ALL EA COUNTRIES WILL SUSTAIN SIGNIFICANT FURTHER CUTS IN GRANT MAP. WHILE WAITING FOR THE SHORTFALL SITUATION TO CLARIFY, WE HAVE SOUGHT BY VARIOUS MEANS TO ACHIEVE AN EQUITABLE SHARING OF THE BURDEN AS WELL AS OFFSETTING MEASURES TO SOFTEN THE BLOW WHEN IT FINALLY FALLS. I REGRET THAT IT HAS NOT BEEN POSSIBLE AT AN EARLIER DATE TO EASE THE DIFFICULTIES WHICH THE LACK OF INFORMATION HAS CAUSED YOU IN PROGRAM PLANNING AND IN DEALING WITH THE KOREANS.

2. WHILE BEARING THE BRUNT OF THE SHORTFALL, WE MUST REMEMBER THAT CAMBODIAN REQUIREMENTS, IN ADDITION TO
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LIMITED CONGRESSIONAL FUNDING, WERE THE CHIEF CAUSE OF THE

SHORTFALL. IN RETURN FOR ACCEPTING A CUT OF AT LEAST \$34.3 MILLION IN THE KOREAN PROGRAM WE HAVE OBTAINED THE COMMITMENT OF \$20 MILLION IN ADDITIONAL FMS GUARANTEED CREDITS WITHIN THE KOREAN FORCES MODERNIZATION PROGRAM, WHICH YOU WILL BE ABLE TO OFFER THE KOREANS AS A PARTIAL OFFSET. THIS IS IN ADDITION TO THE \$25 MILLION FMS CREDITS ALREADY APPROVED FOR KOREA. A SEPARATE MESSAGE CONTAINS

THE DETAILS AND AUTHORITY TO APPROACH THE KOREANS. WE WILL, OF COURSE, INFORM YOU AS SOON AS THE EXACT DIMENSIONS OF THE SHORTFALL HAVE BEEN DETERMINED ALONG WITH THE CONSEQUENCES FOR THE KOREAN PROGRAM.

3. I AM DISTRESSED BY OUR INABILITY TO PROVIDE YOU COMPLETE INFORMATION EVEN AT THIS LATE DATE. I AM FULLY AWARE OF THE DIFFICULTIES THIS CREATES FOR YOU AND THE MISSION. WE ARE EXAMINING, IN CONSULTATION WITH AMBASSADOR HABIB, THE IMPLICATIONS OF THE SHORTFALL AND THE PROSPECTS FOR FUTURE SECURITY ASSISTANCE FOR KOREA IN LIGHT OF YOUR RECENT REPORTS ON NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN ROKG THINKING ON DEFENSE PROCUREMENT. BROWN

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